

## Hawaii Area 17 Panel 63 Orientation Assembly

### *Chair's Report*

Aloha and thank you for attending this, our first gathering of Panel 63. It is both an honor and pleasure to have been asked to serve as your chair.

Today we begin our two-year journey with this Orientation Assembly. It is a chance for each of us, all new to our positions, to learn something about what is expected of us, what we can expect of each other, and what we can expect of ourselves. It is said that in AA we do not elect the qualified; we qualify the elect.

The primary purpose of the Hawaii Area Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous is service. We serve to connect the Hawaii Fellowship to AA as a whole through our delegate, Ken K. We serve to connect our Districts with each other in fellowship and maintain the bonds of unity. We serve to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to all who suffer through the work of our Standing Committees.

I promise you the journey will be rewarding; for Hawaii Area 17, for each of us individually, and for those who have yet to hear the message. Welcome.

My job, as chair, is not to be your boss or tell you how to carry out your service. In fact my job may be one of the easiest jobs here.

*“The chairperson is responsible for the smooth running of area assemblies, consulting with the committee before setting the date and time, making sure that all groups are notified, consulting with officers and committee members on the program, and chairing the assembly meetings. The chairperson, more than any other officer, keeps the delegate informed about what is going on in the area, and makes sure that committee members are aware of what goes on in world services.”*

Should I overstep my bounds and stop being your servant, I trust you will let me know.

Besides working with and within the General Service Structure we will be inviting other service bodies to let us know how they are doing in keeping with “staying informed.” The Young People in AA are our future and we have invited representatives of the various \*YPAA groups to let us know how they are doing and how we can work together.

We have also invited the Al-Anon Family Groups with whom we share a special relationship to give a report and join us in friendship. They are not here to participate in our decisions, nor should they. But we do want to recognize the great contribution which the Al-Anon Family Groups have made and are making in assisting the families of alcoholics everywhere, especially here in our island home.

Thank you for letting me serve as your chair. I look forward to growing with you as we all work together to carry the message of hope that is Alcoholics Anonymous.

Bob H.  
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